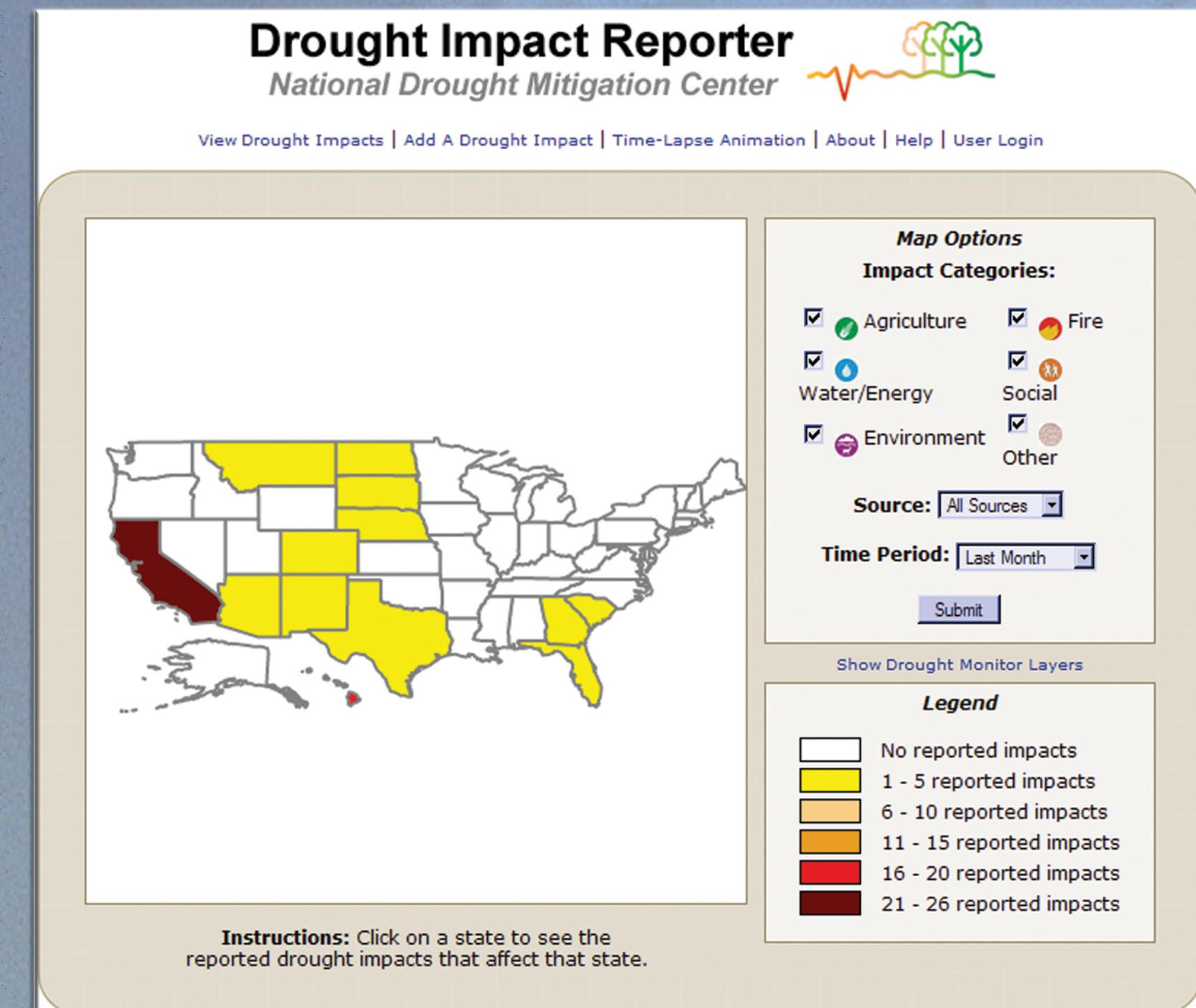




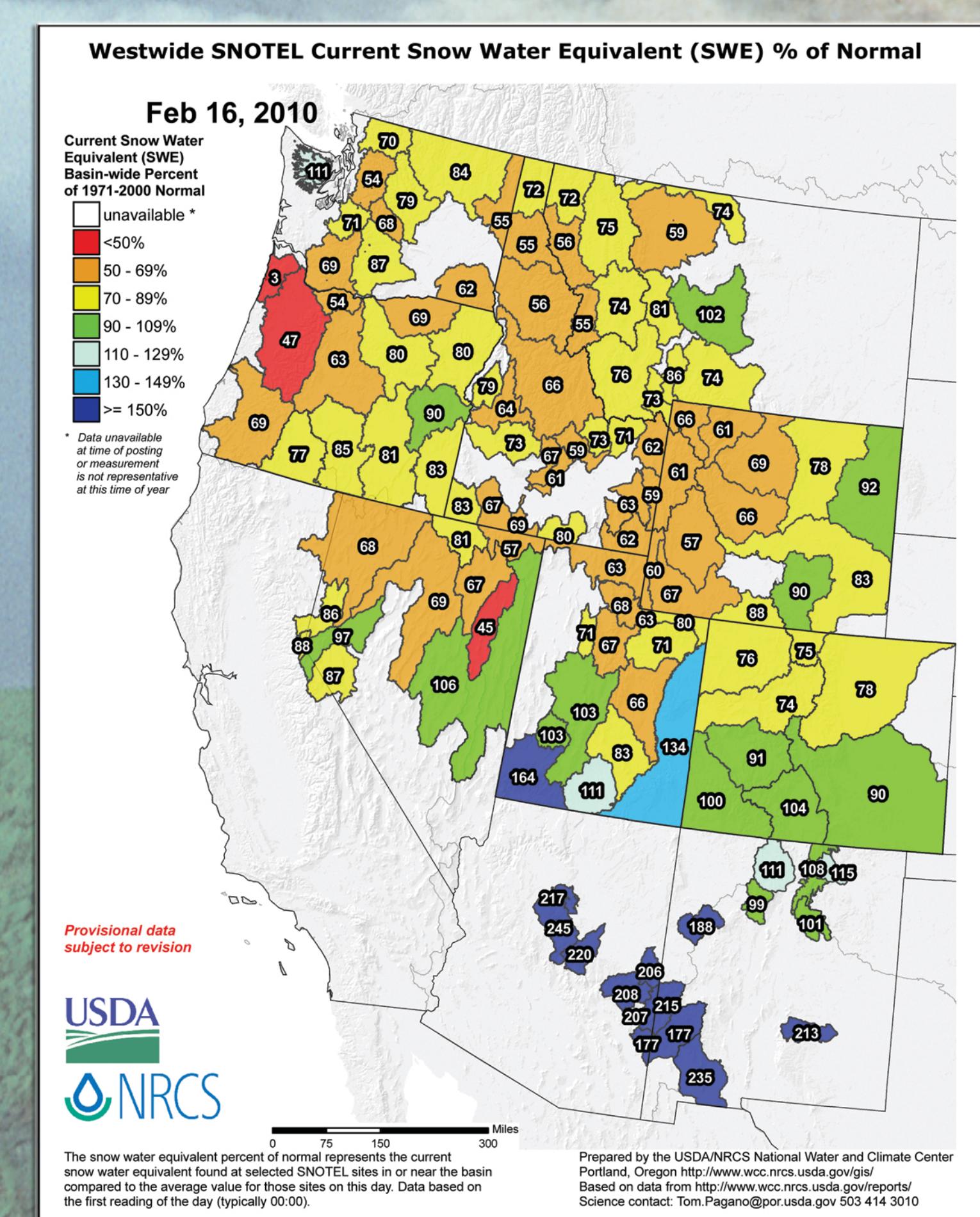
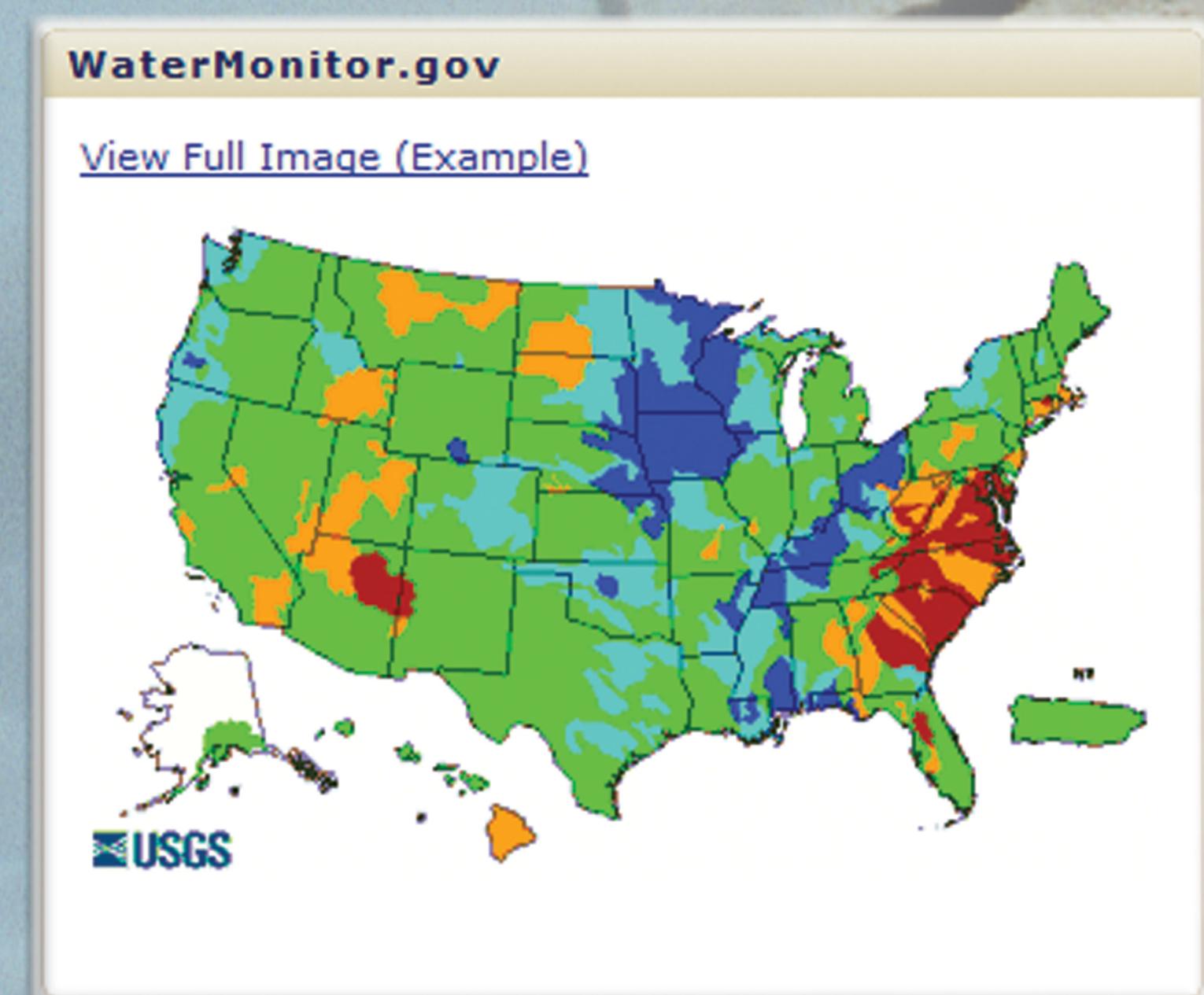
# The U.S. Drought Portal

# Improving the Way NOAA Delivers Web Services

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The USDP works with federal, state, and local partners to provide access to a suite of drought monitoring, forecasting, and impacts information.



**NIDIS** National Integrated Drought Information System

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## U.S. Drought Monitor

February 9, 2010 Valid 7 a.m. EST

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

USDA Released Thursday, February 11, 2010 Author: Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

**NIDIS Feature**

### NIDIS Fall 2009 Newsletter - A Pathway for National Resilience

#### Upper Colorado River Basin Pilot

The Upper Colorado River Basin Pilot was successfully launched in October 2008

Upper Colorado River Basin Scoping Workshop

J-2 October, 2008, NOAA David Skaggs Research Center, Boulder, Colorado

For more information: [http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought.gov/co\\_pilot\\_workshop](http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought.gov/co_pilot_workshop)

Fifty-six people representing twenty-two different state, local and federal agencies gathered in October of last year to discuss the design and implementation of a drought early warning information system for the Upper Colorado River Basin (UCRB). The southern boundary of the UCRB is near Lake Powell, but since reservoir operations at Lakes Powell and Mead are coordinated, the pilot includes the river main stem down to Lake Mead. The

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**Drought Conditions**

% Area for U.S., including, AK, HI & PR (As of 2.9.2010)

Info Source: National Drought Mitigation Center

Drought Classification	Percentage
None	70.84%
D0	22.52%
D1	5.44%
D2	1.18%
D3	0.02%

Drought Classifications | View Time Series

**Drought Information Statements - flex**

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**US Streamflow Drought Conditions**

#### 7-day Streamflow - USGS

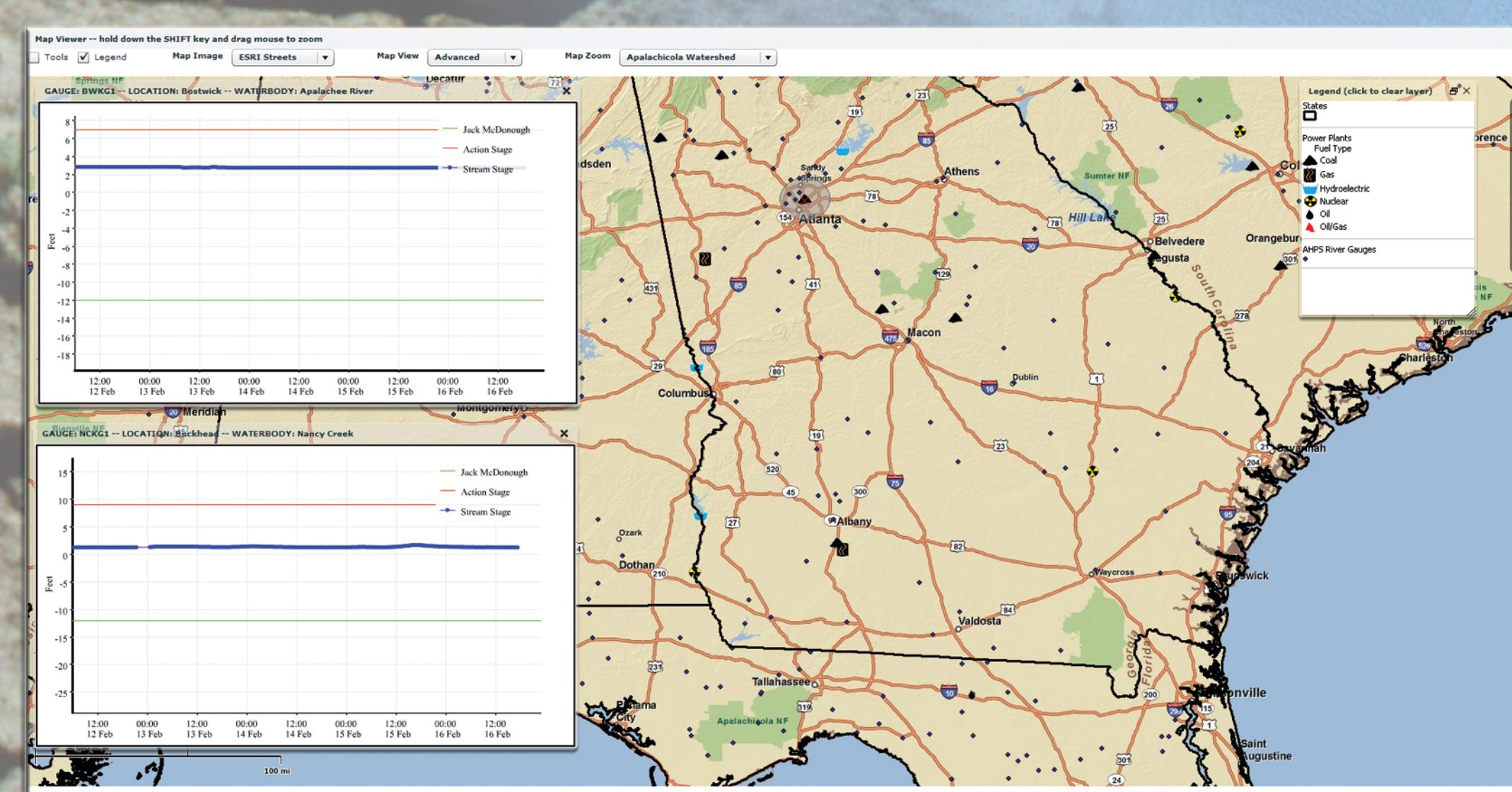
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The U.S. Drought Portal (USDP) provides convenient dashboard-like access to drought services highlighting what are drought conditions now, how will they change in the future, and how will they impact me? The USDP also provides access to drought planning, mitigation, and recovery information from across the country.



The USDP provides access to NOAA data and information through compelling visual mapping and graphical displays, and standard data files, as well as serves as a prototype for improved delivery of climate information for decision support.



The USDP and NIDIS are working with the United Nations, the Group on Earth Observations, and international partners to put together a prototype Global Integrated Drought Information clearinghouse.

